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1. The Skoda Works, Pilsen (N50/L04), is producing locomotives of Russian design with interchangeable axles so that they may be used for either Czechoslovak gauge or Russian gauge tracks. The locomotive is a universal type which may be used for long distance passenger traffic as well as for freight traffic. The locomotive weighs 75 tons net and has five axles.* The net weight of the tender, which has four axles, is 30 tons. To date, about 150 such locomotives have been manufactured. The monthly production capacity is 10-12 locomotives, although, according to the production plan, 15 should be manufactured monthly. Shortages of materials prevent attainment of the production plan quota.
2. A new Skoda plant is being constructed about 500 m. south of the Milevsko (050/L71) railroad station. The building is about 130 m. x 70 m. and is 8 m. high. Another Skoda plant is being built on the outskirts of Strakonice (N50/049) about 500 m. from the left side of the railroad line from Klatovy (N50/L00). About five buildings are nearly completed.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: The Skoda Works in Pilsen-Skvrnany produces locomotives of types 498.0, 475.1 and 534.0. Of these only the 534.0 has five axles. It is a heavy freight engine. Only the 498.0, an express passenger locomotive with four axles, is known to have interchangeable axles.

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